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SUBJECT: MYUNG DONG AFFAIR: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: STATE 077951

1. DURING APRIL 2 MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PARK, I REVIEWED AGAIN OUR CONCERNS AND VIEWS REGARDING MYUNG DONG AFFAIR, ALONG LINES REF A. PARK WAS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR HAHM (REF A).

2. PARK LASHED BACK, ATTACKING PARTICULARLY CONGRESSMAN FRASER AND WASHINGTON POST'S FAILURE TO "UNDERSTAND" KOREAN SITUATION. HE SAID THEY EXPECTED FAR TOO MUCH AT THIS STAGE IN KOREAN DEVELOPMENT. I POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE ALSO OTHER CRITICS, SUCH AS SENATOR HUMPHREY, WHO WAS CONDUCTING COMMITTEE HEARINGS APRIL 8. PARK ACKNOWLEDGED THE VIEWS OF HUMPHREY AND OTHERS OF SIMILAR ILK WERE IMPORTANT TO KOREA AND WORTH LISTENING TO. WHILE HE MADE SPIRITED DEFENSE OF ROKG POSITION ON HANDLING MYUNG DONG AFFAIR IN NOW FAMILIAR TERMS, HE RECOGNIZED THAT HEAVY-HANDEDNESS, WHICH HE BLAMED ON "POLICE AUTHORITIES", RAISED DIFFICULTIES ABROAD. HE COMMENTED SOMEWHAT WISTFULLY REGARDING THE FINESSE IN TACTICS AGAINST OPPOSITION EMPLOYED BY LEE KWAN YEW, WHO HAD MUCH IMPRESSED HIM DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO SINGAPORE.

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3. PARK EXPECTS TO BE HIT ON MYUNG DONG AFFAIR DURING

HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO WASHINGTON AND CLEARLY DOES  
NOT RELISH THE PROSPECT.  
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